

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September July 13, 2005. Claims 1-6 and 8-23 remain pending. Claim 7 has been canceled without prejudice and without disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 1, 3, 10, 14 and 18 have been amended to even further clarify the claimed subject matter. Claims 1, 3, 10, 14, 18 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Initially, attached to the Office Action as received by Applicant's attorneys was an Information Disclosure Citation form bearing the attorney docket number "299/03525", a filing date of "June 27, 2003", and an applicant name of "Ilan Greenberg et al." However, no such form and accompanying information disclosure statement were ever filed by or on behalf of the present Applicant in the present application. Given this fact, and because the docket number, filing date, and applicant name listed on the form differ from those of the present application, it is believed that the form was erroneously submitted in the present application by another party, apparently as a result of a typographical error in the listing of the serial number on the form. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to correct the record to reflect the foregoing, and to redirect the mentioned form and any accompanying information disclosure statement to the correct Patent and Trademark Office file.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 3 and 6-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,722,937 (*Ludwig et al.*), Claims 2 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ludwig* in view of U.S.

Patent No. 6,109,994 (*Cho et al.*), and Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ludwig et al.*

Each of the independent claims recites, in part, that the reinforcing member *consists of* an adhesive for adhering the first and second substrates. (The Examiner is respectfully referred to M.P.E.P. 2111.03, for the meaning of the phrase “consists of”).

The Office Action seems to suggest at page 3 that the reinforcing member of the present invention corresponds to a tack structure 44 of *Ludwig et al.* Referring to Fig. 2f of *Ludwig et al.*, and referring also to lines 14-17 in column 12, the tack structure 44 fixing the substrates 30 and 32 consists not only of a pair of bonding pieces 44F and 44B that typically consist of suitable glue or other adhesive, but also of a main tack body 44M. Thus, the tack structure 44 does not consist of only an adhesive. The present independent claims, on the other hand, recite that the reinforcing member *consists of* an adhesive, and thus the reinforcing member excludes other components. Nothing has been found, or pointed out, in *Ludwig et al.* that would teach or suggest these features. Accordingly, each of the pending independent claims is believed to be clearly patentable over that reference.

A review of the other art relied on in the Office Action, including *Cho et al.*, has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicant's view, would remedy the deficiencies of *Ludwig et al.* as a reference against the independent claims herein. Accordingly, each of those claims is believed to be clearly patentable over the art relied on in the Office Action.

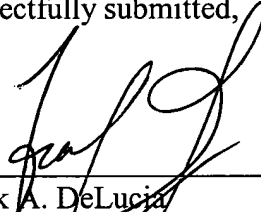
The other, dependent claims are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims of this application, discussed above, and also are believed to be

patentable over the art relied on in the Office Action for the same reasons as are those corresponding independent claims. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of each on its own merits, is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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